

# **REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).*

Application Number	10/562,446
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Examiner Name	Examiner Mary Alice Davis
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

**a. ☐ Previously submitted:**

- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
- ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other\_

**b. ☒ Enclosed:**

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other\_

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Credit Card.

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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